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MS PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for a continuation- in - part of Application No. 10/042,211 filed on January 11, 2002, which is a continuation of PCT/JP01/11389 having an international filing date of December 25, 2001, which designated the United States of America. This application and Application No. 10/042,211 are also each a continuation- in- part of Application No. 10/024,298 filed on December 21, 2001, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) on U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/258,315 filed on December 28, 2000; 60/278,640 filed on March 26, 2001; and 60/314,385 filed on August 24, 2001. This application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a) on Japanese Application Nos. 402288/2000 filed December 28, 2000; 088912/2001 filed on March 26, 2001; and 254018/2001 filed on August 24, 2001. The present application is filed on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

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Enclosed are:

✓ A specification consisting of Eighty-six (86) pages
✓ Twenty-nine (29) sheet(s) of formal drawings

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- Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- Information Sheet
- Preliminary Amendment
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- Priority of Application No(s). 2000-402288, 2001-088912, and 2001-254018 filed in Japan on December 28, 2000, March 26, 2001, and August 24, 2001, respectively, are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. Please see attached copies of priority letters filed on November 26, 2002 and August 26, 2002.
- An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Amend the specification by inserting before the first sentence

--This application is a continuation-in-part of copending Application No. filed on , the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.--
- Amend the specification by inserting before the first sentence

--This application is a continuation-in-part of PCT International Application No. PCT/ which has an international filing date of which designated the United States, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.--
- An extension of time for () month(s) until , has been submitted in parent Application No. in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
- Other: Sequence Listing (754 pages) and computer readable CD thereof

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		TOTAL	\$2,290.00	\$0.00	

The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed Declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

A check in the amount of \$2,290.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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